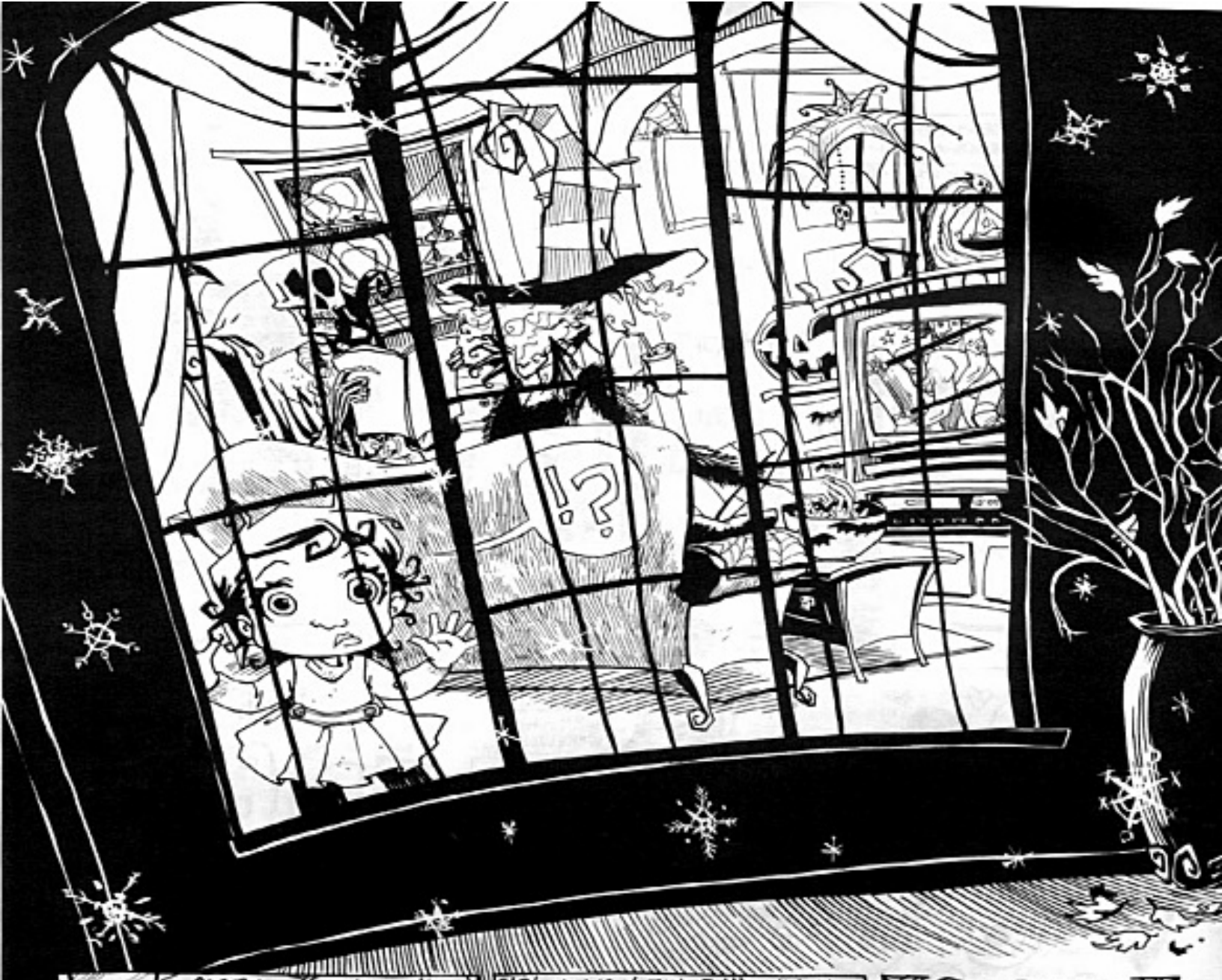
WHERE CAN YOU GO WHEN YOUR HOMEWORK'S ALL DONE?
FIN-ISHED!
OR WHEN IT'S TOO LATE TO PLAY OUTSIDE?
TO A PLACE THAT'S SCARY AND A PLACE THAT'S FUN...
WHERE SPECTRES DWELL AND MONSTERS RESIDE!
GET UP ON THE FRIGHT SIDE OF YOUR BED, OPEN UP A DOOR...
AND FOLLOW HANNAH MARIE OVER TO —

THE FRIGHT SIDE



Ha! NO WAY! BUT I THOUGHT it was SUPPOSED to Be SCARY ALL OF THE time ON THE FRIGHT SIDE — LIKE HALLOWEEN / WINTER isn't SCARY!
HEY, SKULLY! Get this — HANNAH doesn't THINK winter is SCARY!
IT'S NOT!

SCARY GODMOTHER

in

The Search for Mister Boogeylegs

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Haven't you ever been walking home from school, late on a winter's afternoon and the shadows creep up on you and chase you all the way to your front door?
And the crisp, dry air carries the crunching of footsteps right behind you, but when you turn around, there's nobody there?
By the time you get to your front door, the icy branches begin to rattle and clack like bones...
And the wind moans and wails through the skeletal trees
SCREeeeee
eeeeeeeee
SSCCRRAAEEEE
it's the vampires!
orson,
ruby,
and max!

Gettin' CHILLY, HUH? I invite you into my HOME! TAKE a Seat WHILE I HOOK UP the I-V and Get you a COUPLE OF HOT DRINKS!
OH! THANK YOU! BUT NO..
We JUST DROPPED down on the village FOR A Bite.
AND NOW WE'RE out DELIVERING the invitations for OUR ANNUAL SOLSTICE BALL!
FANCY DRESS, SKULLY.
I HAVE A FANCY DRESS CLOSET!
TIME TO PLAY DRESS-UP!
YAY!
I LOVE SOLSTICE — I get to STAY UP LONGER than any other night OF the year!
That's FUNNY — ON CHRISTMAS EVE, I GO to BED EARLIER than any other NIGHT!
NO — I SAID SOLSTICE not CHRISTMAS....
WHAT'S CHRISTMAS anyhow?
EVERYBODY KNOWS CHRISTMAS! WHAT'S SOLSTICE?
RACE you to the LIBRARY!
POOF
OOPS! SORRY BUG-A-BOO!
I'M GAINING ON YOU, HANNAH!
BOOF!
I'LL STILL BEAT YOU! I OWE YOU A SNACK, BUG-A-BOO!

...HOLLY and Mistletoe, TOO... CHRISTMAS and Solstice are mostly the same! COOL!
DECEMBER SURE HAS ALOT OF HOLIDAYS! I LIKE it! THERE'S HANNUKAH, SOLSTICE CHRISTMAS and KWAANZA!
We SHOULD HAVE NO SCHOOL at ALL THAT MONTH!
What does it say about the COOKIES and MILK you leave out FOR...
You leave COOKIES out FOR MISTER BOOGEYLEGS?
I leave out COAL FOR HIS FIRE...
COAL! THAT GOES IN YOUR STOCKING IF YOU'VE BEEN BAD..!
You CAN'T use COOKIES to make a FIRE!
OH BOY!
ORSON! LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!
LOOK at ALL the SNOW thats PILING UP! Do You KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
DONNER, PARTY of FIVE?
NO! We CAN MAKE MONEY FOR PRESENTS BY SHOVELING SNOW!
YEAH!
.... WHY DO WE NEED MONEY FOR PRESENTS?
To BUY OUR MOMS an' DADS A T.V., STEREO, OR a CAR, duh!
WHAT FOR?

On CHRISTMAS, SANTA ALWAYS BRINGS ME REALLY GOOD PRESENTS. 'ZACTLY WHAT I WANT!
"—BUT MY FOLKS ONLY GET STUFF LIKE..."
NEW TUBE SOCKS!
JUST WHAT I NEEDED!
?
A FLANNEL NIGHTGOWN!
BUT, ONE NIGHT AFTER DINNER, I HEARD THEM SAY WHAT THEY REALLY WANT!"
NEXT ON "HOLLYWOOD TO-NITE": CELEBRITIES SHARE THEIR FAVE X-MAS PRESENTS!
A HUM-VEE!! TENK YOU MARIA, NOW I HAVE TWO!!!
HO! HO! HO! THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE IN MY CHRISTMAS STOCKING, HON!
JUST MAKE SURE THERE'S ROOM FOR MY HOME THEATER AND THE DVD IN THE BACK SEAT!
SO, I NEED TO EARN BIG MONEY SO I CAN GET THOSE THINGS FOR THEM.
NO, YOU DON'T! MR. BOOGEYLEGS WILL TAKE THE COAL YOU'LL LEAVE HIM AND REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED!
AN' YOUR FOLKS WILL GET WHAT THEY WANT, TOO!
I DUNNO... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS MR. BOOGEYLEGS BEFORE....
SURE YOU HAVE! HE VISITS ALL THE GHOULS AN' BOYS ON THE FRIGHT SIDE...
I DON'T LIVE ON THE FRIGHT SIDE, 'MEMBER? I JUST VISIT!
OH, YEAH!
WHOA-
YOUR PARENTS ARE WAY OUT OF LUCK.
NOT IF YOU HELP ME! WE COULD MAKE MONEY REALLY FAST! WHADDAYA SAY, ORSON?

MOM!
DAD!
SCARY GOD-MOTHER!
Me an' HANNAH are STARTING OUR OWN BUSINESS!
WE'RE YOUR FRIGHT SIDE SNOW REMOVAL EXPERTS.
WILL YOU BE OUR FIRST CUSTOMERS? We' HAVE VERY Reasonable Rates!
WHAT!? ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOU ARE THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS! YOU CANNOT BE A COMMON LABORER!

HOW RESOURCEFUL! YOU CAN SHOVEL OUR DRIVEWAY, MY LITTLE BATLING....
Yeah!
We'LL BE TOO BUSY PICKING OUT OUR SOLSTICE OUTFITS TO SHOVEL SNOW...
YOU CAN CLEAR OUR STEPS AND THE FRONT WALK!

It is UNDIGNIFIED FOR A PRINCE OF THE NIGHT to STOOP TO SHOVELING SNOW FROM the STOOP!!
YES, MY LOVE.... NOW TAKE THESE INVITATIONS SO WE CAN DELIVER THEM...
OKAY.

WELL, LET US GET A MOVE ON! WE ARE BURNING moonlight Here!
isn't DELIVERING mail A JOB, LIKE SHOVELING SNOW?
SHH!

OKAY! I'LL MEET YOU AT SUNSET at the BACK OF MY CLOSET!
I'LL TRY AN' DRUM UP SOME BUSINESS WHILE WE DELIVER OUR INVITATIONS
DON'T TELL YOUR, MOM! THE PRESENTS WILL BE A SUPRISE.

Le Gevaudan Cave
OH, HARRY! IT'S AN invitation to the Solstice Celebration!
I THINK I WILL WEAR MY VELVET SHAWL AND THE SKIRT WITH THE RUFFLES!
PLEASE DON'T EMBARRASS ME WITH YOUR "FOLKSY" COSTUMING, MOTHER!
FOLKSY, NOTHING! IT'S TRADITIONAL and I LIKE IT!
I MIGHT EVEN VENTURE OUT TOMORROW and GET SOME NEW EARRINGS!
IN FACT WE SHOULD GET YOU OVER TO THE 'HUSKY DEPARTMENT AND BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES.... AFTER ALL...
YOU WANT TO LOOK PRESENTABLE WHEN YOU MEET THE CELEBRITIES, DON'T YOU?
MY PRESENT FASHIONS ARE MORE THAN ACCEPTA--
Σ CELEBRITIES?
HARRY. YOU DIDN'T TOUCH YOUR DINNER, SOUP AND A 'MANWICH...!
I'M BUSY MOTHER! BRING IT TO ME.
TURN ON THE LIGHTS! I CAN BARELY SEE WHERE I'M GOING. DO YOU WANT ME TO FALL?
DON'T SPILL MY DINNER!
CELEBRITIES FROM THE SKELEVISION? LIKE THE SPECTRAL 6? OH BOY! I MUST REMEMBER TO BRING MY NOTEBOOK WITH MY STORY IDEAS!
CLAP! CLAP! PLUS- MY VIDEOTAPES TO BE SIGNED, MY GARAGE KIT MISS CRYSTAL ACTION FIGUR
YEEEEEE
CRASH!
BRAVO, MOTHER...
YOU'VE MANAGED TO DROP MY MEAL EVEN WITH THE LIGHTS ON!
UGH!
LOOK AT THIS ROOM! IT IS FILTHY! THAT'S IT- NO CELEBRITY PARTY FOR YOU UNTIL YOU CLEAN UP THIS MESS!

TREATS

WITH YOUR HO-HO-HOSTS— HANNAH MARIE AND BUG-A-BOO!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED—

one 12 ounce Bag of BUTTERSCOTCH CHIPS...

one 12 ounce BAG OF Semisweet CHOCOLATE CHIPS...

one 12 ounce PACKAGE CHINESE CHOWMEIN NOODLES (the CRISPY COOKED KIND...)

a LARGE GLASS MICROWAVE SAFE BOWL

A COOKIE SHEET with a SHEET of WAXED PAPER on it...

and a WOODEN SPOON...

COMBINE the CHIPS in the BOWL and MELT in the MICROWAVE. exact time (depends on your MICROWAVE - do it in 5 to 10 minute increments and KEEP CHECKING it...)

test the SOFTNESS with the WOODEN SPOON. DO NOT GET the CHOCOLATE WET!

WHEN they have MELTED, MIX IN the CHOW mein NOODLES and COAT WELL

SPOON ONTO WAXED PAPER IN LITTLE SPIDERY CLUMPS

IF YOU'RE BIG ENOUGH to USE the STOVE BY YOURSELF, YOU can MELT the CHIPS in a LARGE SAUCEPAN OVER LOW HEAT — then ADD the CHOWMEIN NOODLES. SPOON on to the WAXED PAPER and CHILL 'til FIRM....

ONCE the CHOCO-SCOTCH HARDENS, remove from the WAXED PAPER and ENJOY!

HEY BUG-A-BOO! DID YOU KNOW THAT IT'S GOOD LUCK to have a SPIDER ON YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN SWEDEN?
No! BUT IT'S GOOD LUCK to HAVE these SPIDERS IN my STOMACH! YUM YUM!

The next evening— at Hannah's bedroom closet...
ORSON? Are you IN there? I've got the shovels an' stuff..
Let's get going!
YAWN! Sorry! I overslept! Let me get changed and we'll go!
O.K.
SMEK - Have fun little ones! What is the wagon for?
To hold all the mo-
AHem!
It's for Orson to pull me!
WHOA--- That's your driveway? YEESH!
It's under there somewhere! Man! This is gonna take all night!
HMM... Maybe not! Grab a shovel and follow me!
And let me use your scarf....
THINK THIS'LL WORK?
Just give a push and jump in! I'll steer and the snow will get pushed out of the way! It's our very own snow-plow!
WHEE! A couple more times down and we'll be done!
Yeeee- HAAAA!
HANNAH watch out for that caravan!
HOLD ON!!

SSSSCCreeee
O"
eeeee
FWUMP!
HI MRS. LeGEVAUDAN.
OW.
ARE YOU KIDS okay?
WHAT is THAT dangerous contraption?!
THAT'S OUR SNOWPLOW!
YEAH! We STARTED OUR OWN BUSiness to MAKE extra money!
...started YOUR OWN...! EARN YOUR OWN...!
WELL, He COULD IF we SHOVELED YOUR WALK...
OH! what FINE CHILDREN YOU ARE!...if ONLY my HARRY COULD SEE YOU...
YEAH! HOW ABOUT it MRS. L? — We HAVE a SPECIAL today on DRIVEWAYS.
It was kind of HARD to get the CART to the ROAD....
AND SO—
I can't Believe MOTHER ONLY MADE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES! SHE KNOWS MY FAVORITES ARE CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE CHIP... EH?
CRONCH-CHOMP!
FLOUR
SUGAR
SCRAPE SCRAPE SCRA
I must FIGURE out HOW to GO to THAT CELEBRITY SOIREE WITHOUT RESORTING to PHYSICAL LABOR... I need... I... WHAT IS THAT INFERNAL SCRAPING?!
YOU KIDS!
STOP THAT HORRIBLE RACKET! I'm INVOLVED in SOME SERIOUS CEREBRAL exercise and I must have ABSOLUTE QUIET!
CHK
HIYA, HARRY!
SHK
Hi HARRY! we're SHOVELLING! YOUR MOM HIRED US to SHOVEL!
I DON'T CARE WHAT MENIAL TASKS SHE HIR--!!

♫ WHY DON'T YOU STEP INSIDE FOR A PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE BREAK AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR LITTLE ENTERPRISE ?
1 HOUR LATER
WHAT ON THE FRIGHT SIDE ARE YOU TWO DOING?
WE WERE THROUGH SHOVELLING YOUR DRIVEWAY...
AND, HARRY SAID HE'D GIVE US FIFTY DOLLARS TO CLEAN HIS ROOM!
THAT'S BIG MONEY!
OH, HE DID, DID HE?
LET'S SEE, I'LL NEED MY MISS CRYSTAL SCRAPBOOK... THIS BATCH OF SCRIPT IDEAS... THE STUFFED CRYPTO... NO... DON'T WANT TO APPEAR FOOLISH.... TUM TTE TUM... THE MISS CRYSTAL PAPER DOLLS.... I'LL NEED TO CARRY A KNAPSACK!
HARRY!
DRAT.
MOTHER DEAR! YOU'RE BACK FROM SHOPPING! I TRUST YOU'VE FOUND SOME WORTHY TREAT FOR YOURSELF!
DON'T YOU TRY AND SWEET TALK ME, BOY! I KNOW YOU BRIBED THESE TWO TO DO YOUR CHORES!
DOH!
OOH - HARRY'S GONNA GET IT!
BRIBED, NOTHING! I HIRED THEM! THEY HAD A NEED FOR THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR AND I FILLED IT!
AND JUST HOW DID YOU DO THAT, MR. JOBLESS? I'LL BE TAKING THAT $50.00 OUT OF YOUR ALLOWANCE!
COME ON KIDS... I'LL MAKE SOME HOT DRINKS.
NOW, WHAT DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR SO BADLY THAT YOU WOULD CLEAN HARRY'S ROOM?
MAYBE I CAN BE OF HELP?
WHOU.
WE'RE TRYIN' TO GET MONEY 'CAUSE HANNAH NEEDS TO GET GOOD PRESENTS FOR HER FOLKS 'CAUSE MISTER BOOGEYLEGS DOESN'T COME WHERE SHE LIVES AN' ALL THEY GET IS SOCKS!

Heaven FORBID!
LUCKY FOR YOU, OLD MRS. Le GEVAUDAN HAS AN ANSWER!
YOU DO!
IT'S a Bit OF MAGIC that I KNOW OF...
CHOCOLATE - CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES?!
?
Hey!
HAHA! NONONO! I JUST LIKE to eat COOKIES WHEN I TELL STORIES.... YOU SEE...
ALL YOU NEED to do IS FIND the TREE that has the LAST AUTUMN LEAF STILL HANGING on....
CLIMB UP AND PLUCK IT FROM THE BRANCH...
AND YOU'LL GET ONE WISH!
A WISH! THAT'D DO IT ALL RIGHT!
OH!
YOU'D BETTER GET GOING! THERE AREN'T MANY TREES LEFT WITH LEAVES...
THANKS, MRS. L! YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP!
C'MON ORSON! LET'S HEAD BACK to SCARY GODMOTHER'S! SHE'LL HELP US SEARCH!
WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!

ROAD TRIP!
SKULLY, We need WARM CLOTHES! BLANKETS!
BUG-A-BOO! We need some TRANSPORTATION!
CHECK!
SWEATERS - MUFFLERS... I'LL GET THE MAPS, COMPASS AND TOLLS!
SPOOK CITY
AWESOME RIDE, BUG-A-BOO! BUT, I DON'T THINK WE'RE ALL GONNA FIT IN THERE!
HMM... YOU MAY BE RIGHT.
WHIP US UP A ROAD TRIP VEHICLE, SCARY GODMOTHER.
FOOF
WOO-HEE! THAT'S GOT PLENTY OF ROOM!
I'M RIDIN' SHOTGUN!
BOO

TREES ARE ALL BARE OVER HERE.
WHERE ARE THERE STILL TREES WITH SOME LEAVES?
I SUGGEST A GOOD SEARCH OF ACKERMAN FOREST
HEY, SKULLY! GET A LOAD OF THIS!
OH MY! THAT'S QUITE A ROAD BLOCK!
IT'S HARRY!
MISTER BOOGEY-LEGS OR RUST, EX-K-9 GUIDE DOG
YOO HOO!
EVERYONE IS GOING TO THINK I PENNED THIS INANE ADVERTISEMENT.
I'LL BE A LITERARY LAUGHING STOCK.
YOU KEEP THAT SIGN UP, OR I'LL HOOK YOU UP TO THE SLED!
MUSH, MUSH! UNDERSTAND?
WHAT'S WITH THE SIGN, FRIENDS?
HARRY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HIS SERVICES AS A GUIDE IN YOUR SEARCH!
OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SOLSTICE PARTY...
GREAT! CLIMB IN BACK!!
YOU'LL SEE - HE'S VERY GOOD AT TRACKING, ONCE HE PUTS HIS MIND TO IT... HE GOT A PATCH FOR TRACKING IN 'CUB' SCOUTS!
OOF! HEY! WATCH IT! YER GETTIN' SNOW ALL OVER ME!
GIVE ME SOME ROOM THEN! I CAN BARELY FIND SPACE FOR MY PACK, LET ALONE MYSELF!
WATCH YOUR ELBOW, HARRY. YEESH! YOU'RE SQUISHING US.
OOF!
YOUR USE OF SEAT SPACE LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED, SCARY GODMOTHER.
SIGH.
WELL, REARRANGE IT SO YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH ROOM...
I CERTAINLY KNOW A BETTER PLACE FOR WHAT'S IN HERE!

What's more FUN than HOURS IN the CAR?
TRAVEL MONTAGE!
FOLLOW the ROAD!
SNUGG
BALONEY and EGGS?
GRITS and BLOOD SAUSAGE?
Here!
hm.
Red JELLO?
mmmm...
I ASKED FOR the MAYO ON the FRIES!
YAY! INTERNATIONAL HAUNTED HOUSE OF PANCAKES!
That would make A NICE OFFRENDA!
SI.
ANTIQUES
WOULD YOU LIKE to HEAR MY LATEST BATCH OF STORY IDEAS FOR the SPECTRAL SIX?
NO.
NO.
NO.
NO!
ANTIQUES olde TYME MARKET
JAMS
CHUNKY HERE
PICK
I'M DREAMING OF A DARK SOLSTICE!
...JUST LIKE the ones I USED to KNOW....
TRADIN' POST
SEE THE HOOAD
MAPLE SYRUP
DIABLO BROS.! DIABLO BROS!
YOU'VE GOT to be KIDDING! YOU JUST HAD a FRIED CHICKEN SANDWICH AND MAYO FRIES!
PLUS HE STOLE MY BACON!
AND HE ATE the TRAVEL SANDWICHES...

SLAM
NO MORE COFFEE FOR HER... THAT'S FOR SURE...
HARRY! Get BACK IN THE CAR!
I WON'T! UNLESS ORSON APOLOGIZES TO ME...
BABY! BABY!
HARRY... Let go OF THAT TREE.
HEY LOOK! HARRY'S HUGGING THE TREE WITH THE Last AUTUMN LEAF!
YOU ONLY HAD ONE CUP OF COFFEE!
IF YOU TOUCH ME ONCE MORE, BOY...
SLUG! BUG! POW
SO BILL, HOW'S IT BEEN GOIN'?
SAME OLD... SCARIN' WOODSY TRAVELLERS... AND YOU?
UNDER BEDS, CLOSETS an' the LIKE... Seen the Last AUTUMN LEAF AROUND?
It's Pretty BARE OUT HERE... YOU asked THE 'GOODE PEOPLE?
NYA!
?
?
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT 'EM?
FAERIE FOLK JUST KNOW STUFF...
STOP POKING ME BOY!
STOP IT!
STOP! TOUCHING! ME!
WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT?
SCARY GODMOTHER! ORSON'S TOUCHING ME...
ORSON. DON'T TOUCH HARRY FOR NO REASON...
DEAD BREAKFAST
LAST EXIT FOR SPIDERWEB
LADIES
ARE YOU KEEPIN AN' EYE PEELED FOR THE LEAF BUG-a-Boo?
I'M KEEPIN' 'EM ALL PEELED!

WANT A BOOST KIDDO?
NO THANKS, BUG-A-BOO. I LOVE CLIMBIN'
LOOK AT HER GO!
HUM-VEE! TEE-VEE! DEE-VEE-DEE!
HANNAH- BE CAREFUL!
Got it!
!
CRAK
GREAT CATCH, SCARY GODMOTHER!
VERY ELEGANT FREE-FALL! MIGHT I SUGGEST A PARACHUTE NEXT TIME?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN...
I GOT THE LEAF!
A LEAF?
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT I'VE ENDURED HOURS IN A STUFFY, CRAMPED CAR, UNBEARABLE YODELLING 'SLUG-A-BUG', INNUMERABLE "REST" STOPS, (AND NOT ONE STOP AT DIABLO BROS. I MIGHT ADD...) ALL FOR A DRIED UP OLD LEAF?
IT'S THE MAGIC BOOGEY LEAF!
I WISH....
I WISH I COULD MEET THIS MISTER BOOGEY LEGS SO I COULD GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!
HMF! ROADTRIPS IN THE HORRIBLE COLD.... NO DIABLO BROS..

RRRIGHT THEN, YOU...
...I'M WAITING! WHAIRR'S THIS PIECE O' MIND YOU'D LIKE TA GIVE ME?
SOMETHING MAGICKY HAPPENED, didn't it?
IT'S THE LEAF! IT WAS A WISH! HARRY USED UP HANNAH'S WISH!

Heh-heh... you're - um- the Mister Boogeylegs... I-uh-heh.
YAS?
...Happy Solstice?
So that's why you're here!! Oh, it's not enough that aye bring ye a giftie on Solstice! Now ye come tae me own hoose an' beg for more?
I-no! You see...
Do ye come to me hoose an' visit any other time? Noooo- no visitors for old Boogeylegs except that bothersome loch och!
It's just beggars and bothers for me.
Ooh- I can't abide a creepy gus!
It was her idea!
Hi.
My mother made me come along!
My name's Hannah, Mister Boogeylegs... don't get mad at my friends... they're just helping me get a present for my mom and dad... I used the last autumn leaf to wish...
No ye didn't. He did. You have no wish left.
This is bumming me out... Mister Boogeylegs is a grump.
No... he's following the rules...
Um... Mister Boogeylegs? Scary God Mother here. I'd be glad to give up my Solstice gift, so Hannah can give her folks a special present....
Oh!
Me, too!
Hannah's mom-n-dad can have my gift.
And mine!
They can have mothers... whuf! I mean my gift as well.
Snif
Oh Little Lassie- what great friends ye have got.

OF COURSE I'LL HELP YE, WEE HANNAH!
AND YUIR WONDERFUL FRIENDS CAN KEEP THEIR SOLSTICE GIFTIES!
YAY!
OH, IF AYE ONLY HAD FRIENDS SUCH AS YOU!
AYE'M SOOO LONELY HERE BY MYSELF!
WHY DON'CHA GOT ANY FRIENDS, MISTER B?
I HAVE TO SIT HERE AND GUARD THE GREAT TRRREASURE O' GIFTIES OR THAT RASCALLY LOCH OCH WILL GET 'EM.
SO, I CAN'T WELL GET OOT TO MAKE ANY FRIENDS.
BUT ON SOLSTICE DON'T YOU GIVE ALL THOSE GIFTS AWAY?
AYE - SCARY GODMOTHER. BUT THE NEXT MORN THEY BEGIN TO APPEAR AGAIN.
BY THE AFTERNOON, MY OLD MATTRESS IS QUITE LUMPY!
BUT YOU GOT ALL NIGHT ONCE YER FINISHED WITH YER JOB?
THAT'S TRUE!
ALL SOLSTICE...
HEY!
YOU CAN COME TO OUR SOLSTICE PARTY WHEN YOU'RE DONE WORKIN'! IT GOES ALL NIGHT! IT'S DRESS UP!
AYE COULD COULDN'T AYE!?
WE'RE ALL GOIN'! IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO MEET NEW FRIENDS.
AND, IF YOU GIVE ME DIRECTIONS, I'LL COME OVER AND TREASURE-SIT AND YOU CAN GO FISHING OR SOMETHING....
OR YOU MIGHT SIT AND HAVE TEA?
I LIKE TEA.
AND, THIS QUALIFIES AS A BED PAL, SO YOU'LL BE SEEIN' ME UNDER IT! THAT'S MY JOB!
OH HO! HOW FINE!

OH MY. 'TIS NEARLY SOLSTICE O'CLOCK! OFF WITH ALL OF YE! I HAVE WORK TO DO!
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW WE GOT HERE!
HARRY WISHED US HERE!
AND WITH THAT, MISTER BOOGEYLEGS FLAPPED HIS WINGS AND HIS NEW FRIENDS FLEW BACK TO THEIR HOMES.
MAGIC — OF COURSE!
EVERYONE ANTICIPATED THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!
HEY, BUG-A-BOO! PUT THIS NOTE UNDER MISTER BOOGEYLEGS' BED. IT'S DIRECTIONS TO MY HOUSE.
GIMME.
WHAT TO WEAR? SOLSTICE STYLE!
SPIDER-Y.
CLASSIC.
KILT-Y!
AGAIN!
AGAIN!
FOOFY!
PARTY PREPARATION!
SUGAR-FRIED INSECTS?
CHECK.
HEAD CHEESE?
CHECK.
SPINACH DIP?
CHECK.
WISHFUL THINKING....
THAT BOY...
WHY HELLO MISS CRYSTAL!
FOR MISTER BOOGEYLEGS
COME, MOTHER. LET'S GO BEFORE MY HAIR LOSES ITS COIF!

SOLSTICE NIGHT, MISTER BOOGEY LEGS TAKES FLIGHT!
OTHER TIBONE A-BOO
JIP
AYE HOPE ME TIES DONE RIGHT.
KNOK NOK
SCARY GODMOTHER! DANCE WITH ME!
RIGHT ON!
MR. BUG-A-BOO, YOU'RE GONE BABY...
MEOW MEOW!
A FINE FÊTE!
WHAT A CRUSH MY BOY HAS ON YOU!
!
SHAKE IT, MONSIEUR PETTIBONE!
YEEE! MOTHER! NO!
MMM...!
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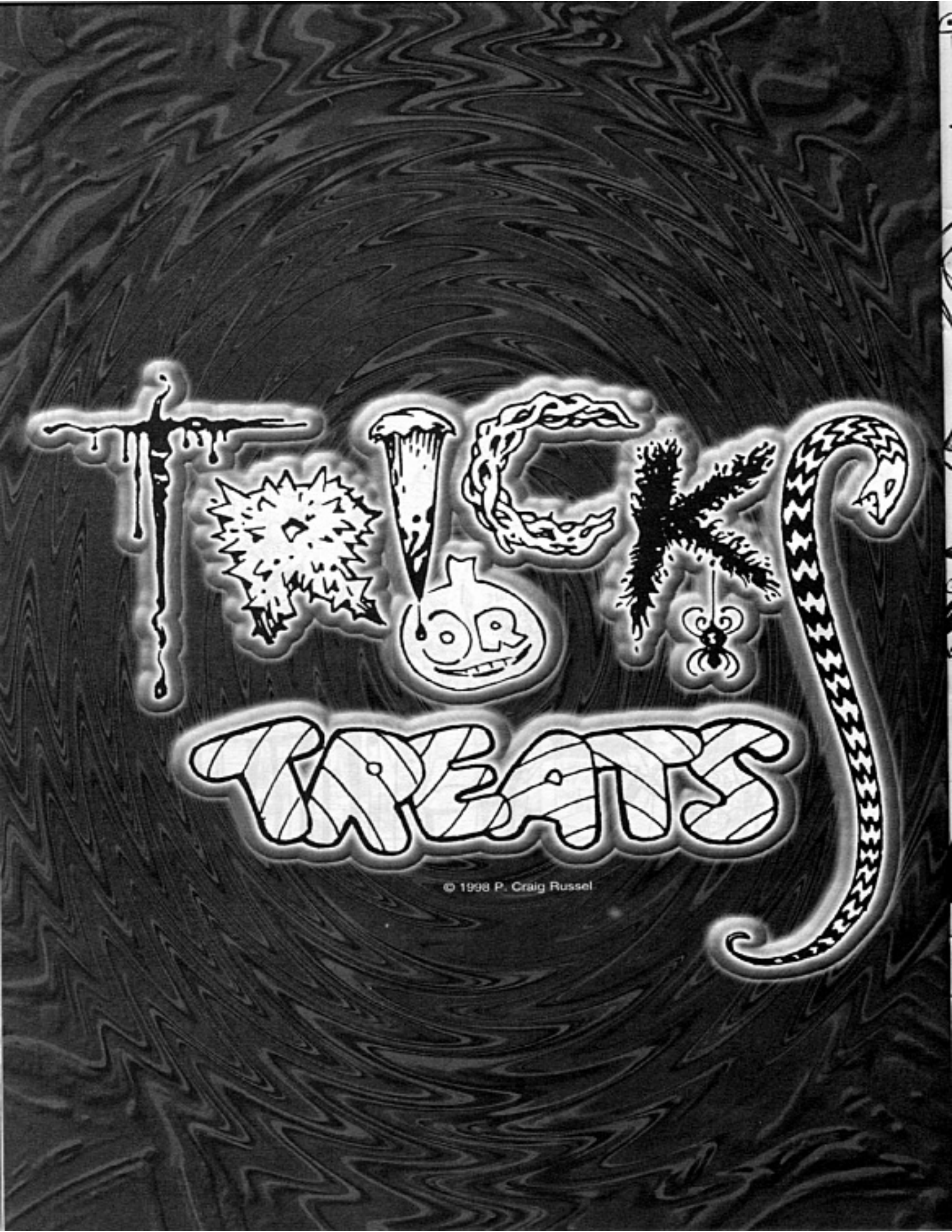
Mister Boogeylegs - you're the life of the party! We're the only two left!
Remember - I must be in my coffin before dawn!
I've got the music in me! Go lass!
December 24th -
3rd closet - near the right side of the bedroom... open a door - it's Hannah's house!
I'll keep my peepers peeled for that pesky loch och!
Thank ye, scary godmother!
Be back in a jiffy!
Christmas morning....
New tube socks! Just what I've needed!
A flannel nightgown!
?
Well, that's Christmas.
Time to head to Grandma's.
Let me take this wrapping out to the trash...
but... Mr...
♫ That's the jingle bell... that's the ji....
?
What the...? How did...?
Honey! Come quick! You'll never believe what I'm seeing!
It's Mister Boogeylegs!
Hannah! Your shoes! Your coat!
mmmph!

I ALWAYS WANTED A TREE FORT.... HOW ON EARTH DID YOU....?
I DIDN'T...! I... I ALWAYS WANTED ONE TOO — WITH A HAMMOCK!
AND WHAT DID MR. BOOGEYLEGS GIVE TO HANNAH'S MONSTER FRIENDS FOR SOLSTICE...?
TIME TO COZY UP ON THE COUCH!
HE'S MY FAVE!
HMM... I WISH I GOT THAT ACTION FIGURE...
1 WEEK AT THE SPECTRAL SIX CONVENTION.
THANKS MR. BOOGEYLEGS!
1 WEEK OF UNEVENTFUL BLISS...
NOW THERE WILL BE ROOM FOR ENTERTAINING!
A CLOSET ORGANIZER
"THE JOY OF HEX" -HEY- YOU NEVER CAN HAVE TOO MUCH KNOWLEDGE...
MUERTO RICO™ WITH DAY OF THE DEAD ACTION!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



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COSTUMES?! LISTEN SKINNY, WE AINT WEARIN' NO STINKIN' COSTUMES!!
umm..
I'M NOT WITH THEM.
NOW HAND OVER THE BEER, YOU WEIRDIES-- OR WE'LL SHUT THIS CREEPSHOW DOWN PERMANENT LIKE!!
HOUSE OF FUN
CREEPY
evan
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BOB
FIN-
GER-
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LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT, BOYS! CLEAR THE TRACK! THE WITCHES ARE HERE! THEY'VE ALL COME BACK!
THEY HANGED THEM HIGH-- NO USE! NO USE! WHAT CARES A WITCH FOR A HANGMAN'S NOOSE? THEY BURIED THEM DEEP BUT THEY WOULDN'T LIE STILL, FOR WITCHES AND CATS ARE HARD TO KILL!
THEY SWORE THEY WOULDN'T AND SHOULDN'T DIE-- BOOKS SAID THEY DID, BUT THEY LIE! THEY LIE!
DAD

TERRY LABAN Poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes

SIRIUS
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BY JILL THOMPSON
SCARY GODMOTHER
HOLIDAY SPOOKTACULAR

NOVEMBER 1, 1998 –

TODAY IS AN OATMEAL DAY. HALLOWEEN IS OVER (sniff) AND WINTER IS BLUSTERING ON IN! THE DAY OF THE DEAD HAS SLATE COLORED CLOUDS AND A CRISPY COLD WIND THAT'S LOOSENING THE LEAVES' GRASP ON THE TWISTED TREE BRANCHES. **ALL** IN ALL, A GOOD DAY FOR CURLING UP ON THE COUCH WITH A GOOD BOOK OR WATCHING A MONSTER MOVIE OR DOING SOME WRITING. **LIKE THIS!!**

IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR IN SCARY GODMOTHER-LAND! I'VE BEEN TO CONVENTIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY PROMOTING SCARY GODMOTHER BOOKS AND COMICS AND MEETING WONDERFUL FOLKS. THE TRILOGY TOUR II WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND HELPED USHER IN AN EVENTFUL AUTUMN. **SIRIUS** HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH **INGRAM BOOK** DISTRIBUTORS TO OFFER THEIR TPB'S IN TRADITIONAL BOOKSTORES! THIS MEANS THE **SCARY GODMOTHER** BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORES AS WELL AS ON **AMAZON.COM** IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I'M VERY EXCITED TO BE TAKING STEPS TO MAKE MY BOOKS AVAILABLE TO A WIDER AUDIENCE, SO PLEASE **SPREAD** THE WORD ABOUT SCARY GODMOTHER WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE. THE MORE THAT PEOPLE INQUIRE, THE SOONER IT WILL APPEAR UPON THE SHELVES! BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE **LOCAL COMICS SHOP**, THEY DESERVE YOUR **CONSISTENT SUPPORT**. YOU CAN **ALWAYS** FIND SCARY GODMOTHER ON THEIR SHELVES! **THANKS** GUYS!

I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY FRIENDS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS ISSUE'S PIN-UP SECTION! WE'VE GOT PIN-UPS FROM THE AMAZING TALENTS OF **EVAN DORKIN** & **SARAH DYER**, (*milk & cheese* & *Action Girl*), **BOB FINGERMAN** (*Minimum Wage*), **TERRY LABAN** (*Cud, Mudhole Wolfabreath*) AND **DAN BRERETON** (*The Nocturnals*). THEY ALL TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES TO HELP MAKE THIS ISSUE OF THE SCARY GODMOTHER A SUCCESS. CHECK OUT THEIR FINE COMICS!

SO, WAS I THE SCARY GODMOTHER FOR HALLOWEEN? NOPE, NOT THIS YEAR. I WAS A DIO de Los Muertos SKELETON WOMAN. WE HEADED OVER TO ALEX ROSS' HOUSE FOR THE MOST SUPERHERO FILLED HALLOWEEN PARTY I HAVE EVER ATTENDED. MY PRE-HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A VISIT TO KANSAS CITY AND THEIR PERMANENT HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS. I URGE YOU TO MAKE A TRIP THERE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND VISIT THE BEAST, THE CATACOMBS, THE EDGE OF HELL, THE MAIN STREET MORGUE... (AND MANY MORE!) WHAT A GOOD SPOOKY WEEKEND!

AND WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA FOR 1999? YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW SCARY GODMOTHER BOOK FOR THE FALL CALLED "**SCARY GODMOTHER** – *The Mystery Date*." I'M ALSO WORKING ON A 4-ISSUE VERTIGO MINISERIES CALLED "FINALS." IT'LL BE OUT IN AUGUST OF '99 AND IT'S BY WILL PFEIFFER (*Violent Man*) AND ME. SCARY COMICS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

THANKS FOR ALL OF THE LETTERS YOU'VE WRITTEN. I DO READ ALL OF THEM, HOWEVER, I HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH TIME TO RESPOND TO THEM. PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING! ESPECIALLY FROM KIDS. THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT DRAWINGS FROM MISS KENNY'S LIBRARY CLASSES AT PECKERVILLE ELEMENTARY IN PECKERVILLE, MICHIGAN! (I'VE RECEIVED 2 HUGE PACKAGES AND MANY PHOTOS!) IF YOU'D LIKE TO WRITE TO ME, ADDRESS YOUR ENVELOPE TO – **TRICKS OR TREATS** c/o **SKELETOONS** 1714 N. DAMEN. **SECOND FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60647**. I'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.

AND, FINALLY, I'LL BE APPEARING A COUPLE OF PLACES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. **MAC'S BACKS** IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO, NOVEMBER 27 1-2:30 PM. NOV 28-29 AT THE **MID-OHIO CON**. I'M CUTTING BACK ON CONS IN 1999... LOOK FOR ME IN CHICAGO AND AT SAN DIEGO COMICON INTERNATIONAL, ONLY. I WANT TO SPEND TIME WORKING ON MORE SCARY STUFF!

THANKS TO CAESAR FOR BOOGEYLEGS WRESTLING AND VOCAL STYLINGS. ♡ TO BRIAN FOR 3 YEARS AND THE CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON.

– Jill

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